

## **The role of individual differences in the language learning of children and adolescents.**

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### **Brief description:**

This symposium aims to discuss recent findings concerning the role of individual differences in language learning found in studies concerning young learners (pre-primary, primary and secondary school age). We welcome presentations about different topics linked to internal individual differences such as language aptitude, motivation, attitude and external individual differences such as exposure and type of instruction and their role in both second and foreign language learning.

In the symposium we want to bring together researchers who investigate the language learning of young learners. We believe the symposium will be an excellent opportunity not only to discuss research findings but also to discuss challenges and opportunities linked to working with children and teenagers.

Both submissions about research on foreign language learning (both in a formal and an informal setting) and about research on second language learning (such as language learning in children with a migrant background) are welcomed.

### **50-word description:**

In this symposium we will discuss language learning in young learners (pre-primary, primary and secondary school age) and the role individual differences (such as aptitude, motivation, exposure, ...) play in acquiring a second or foreign language. We welcome presentations about language learning in a school setting and in informal settings.